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SUBJECT: DESERTIONS FROM DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

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1. IN A JOINT PRESS RELEASE JULY 31, FOURTEEN SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD RESIGNED FROM THE PARTY. THE MOST PROMINENT OF THE GROUP WAS MOINUL HOSSAIN, LAWYER AND CO-OWNER OF ITTEFAQ, WHO ALONG WITH PARTY LEADER KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1976, OSTENSIBLY FOR AGITATIONAL ACTIVITIES. HOSSAIN WAS RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES IN FEBRUARY (REFTEL). OTHERS WHO RESIGNED INCLUDE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY EXECUTIVE. FORMER DACCA UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR M.O. GHANI WAS AMONG THEM. IN A STATEMENT, THE GROUP DECLARED THAT "THE PROLIFERATION OF POLITICAL
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PARTIES, DEFERMENT OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS, RESTRICTIVE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD ETC., BROUGHT ABOUT A CHANGED SITUATION WHICH MADE PARTY POLITICS NOW INCONGRUOUS."

2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE ATTEMPT TO PALCE THE BLAME FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL ON THE GENERAL POLITICAL

MALAISE IN BANGLADESH, THE REAL REASON FOR THEIR DEPARTURE IS SIMPLY THAT WITHOUT MUSHTAQUE, THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE HAS NO DISTINCTION, NO PURPOSE. MOST OF THESE MEN CAME ORIGINALLY FROM THE AWAMI LAGUE AND AS TIME PASSES, THEY PROBABLY WILL RECONSIDER THEIR PROSPECTS IN THAT PARTY, POSSIBLY AS PART OF THE "CONSERVATIVE" WING WHICH HAS EMERGED FROM THE SQUABBLING WITHIN THE AWAMI LEAGUE.

3. THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOURTEEN, ASOME OF THEM STALWARTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT RECENTLY IN THE PUBLIC EYE, ONLY MAKES PUBLIC WHAT MOST BANGLADESHI POLITICAL OBSERVERS HAD CONCLUDED MONTHS BEFORE, I.E., KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY REMOVED FROM THE CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE BY ZIA. BERGESEN

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